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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:


- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

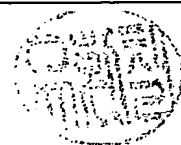
2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents

D1: KR 1999-0000336 A

D2: KR 2002-0044729 A

D3: KR 2003-0028223 A

D4: US 6122527 A

The claim 1 of the present invention discloses a method of designing a micro-Base Transceiver Subsystem(BTS) of a CDMA system, including at least one channel card, intermediate frequency(IF) board, BTS control board, a digital combiner in a forward path of the BTS, a switching logic in a reverse path of the BTS, and a main board, said method comprising the step of embedding the digital combiner and the switching logic in the main board, wherein said main board acts as a backplane

D1 and D2 are the closest documents related with the present invention among the documents D1-D4.

D1 relates to a control board for a cordless base station using PLD(Program Logic Device) is provided to perform an improvement of a board function easily by managing each board separately through packaging a main board, a PLD board, and a cordless board at a mother board.

D2 relates to an interworking apparatus and method between a channel card and an IF board in a base station is provided to improve economic efficiency by embodying the interworking from a plurality of channel cards to the IF board

Neither D1 nor D2 provides a method of comprising the step of embedding the digital combiner and the switching logic in the main board, designing a micro-Base Transceiver Subsystem(BTS) of a CDMA system,

Therefore the present application claim 1 seems to be novel(Article 33(2) PCT), and involve an inventive step and meet the requirement of Article 33(3) PCT. The claims 2-3 of the present invention also comply with Article 33(2) and (3) PCT as they are dependent claims.

The industrial applicability of the Claims 1-3 is self-evident in the sense of Article 33(4) PCT.